

1799. After moving to Georgetown in 1801, he served as a representative in the U.S. Congress for three consecutive terms, 1807–1809, 1809–1811, and 1811–1813. He married Anne (1774–1834), daughter of *George Plater* (1735–1792). SISTER: Elizabeth Scott, (1759–1832), who married Henry Maynadier. FIRST COUSIN: *Philip Key* (1750–1820). MARRIED on October 19, 1775, Ann Phoebe Penn Dagworthy (ca. 1756–1830), daughter of Arthur Charlton (?–1771) and wife Eleanor Harrison (?-by 1797). Her brothers were Thomas; John Usher. Her sisters were Eleanor (1747–1828), who married *George Murdock* (1742–1805); Alice, who married Caspar Schaff; Mary, who married Peter Grosh; and Jane. CHILDREN. SON: Francis Scott (1779–1843), a lawyer and poet, author of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” In 1802 he married Mary Tayloe, daughter of *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796), and shortly thereafter moved to Georgetown, D.C., where he practiced law with his uncle Philip Barton Key (1757–1815). He served as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, 1833–1841, and in 1833 was sent by President Jackson to Alabama to negotiate a settlement between the state and federal governments concerning Creek Indian lands. DAUGHTERS: Ann Charlton (1777–died in infancy); Catherine Charlton (1781–1782); and Ann Arnold Phoebe Charlton (1783–1855), who married in 1806 Roger Brooke Taney (1777–1864), chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and son of *Michael Taney* (1750–1820) and wife Monica Brooke (?–1814). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1783; Esq., by 1790. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1778–1779, 1791–1792. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1775; justice, Frederick County, 1777–at least 1791; associate justice, Levy Court, Frederick County, in office 1800. MILITARY SERVICE: 2nd lieutenant, Maryland Rifle Company, 1775; 1st lieutenant, Stephenson’s Maryland Rifle Battalion, 1776; captain, 1776; lieutenant colonel, 47th Regiment, Maryland Militia, 1794; colonel, Maryland Militia, 1796; brigadier general, 9th Brigade (upper part of Frederick County), Maryland Militia, 1801–1808. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 1 slave inherited from grandfather, 1764; 9 slaves inherited from father, 1770; owned 26 slaves, 1790; wife inherited £311.18.8 as her share of parents’ estate, 1797; owned 18 slaves, 1800; assessed value \$1,181.00,

1815–1816, 1818, and 1820; owned 14 slaves, 1820; assessed value \$1,056.00, 1821. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,500 acres in Frederick County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Key’s father died without duly executing his will. Therefore, legal title to the entire estate (over 4,500 acres in Frederick and Cecil counties) devolved to John Ross Key, the elder son. Ann Key’s petition to the legislature to allow the will to stand was rejected in 1773. When he came of age in 1775, John Ross Key distributed 650 acres to his sister and 1,120 acres to his brother. His father’s plantation in Cecil County and houses and lots in Charlestown were advertised for sale in 1776. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: Key was extensively involved in the buying and selling of Frederick County land, 1783–1798. In 1798 he was assessed for 1,800 acres in Frederick County. In 1800, as a result of a judgment recovered in 1792 by Ann Ogle (ca. 1724–1816), widow of *Samuel Ogle* (ca. 1694–1752), Key conveyed his real estate to Philip Barton Key and Samuel Ridout to be held in trust and sold for the payment of his debts. Litigation continued through 1811, when 716 acres were sold to his son, Francis Scott Key, for \$8,500.00. By 1813 John Ross Key’s debts, totaling \$8,379.49, were settled. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on October 12, 1821, in Frederick County. The size of Key’s estate is unknown, but in 1821 he was taxed \$1,056.00 for personal property and \$1,602.00 for real property, all in Frederick County.

KEY, PHILIP (1696/97–1764). BORN: on March 21, 1696/97, in St. Paul’s Parish, Covent Garden, London, England. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1720. RESIDED: at “Bushwood Lodge,” St. Mary’s County, which Key built ca. 1730. The house was destroyed by fire early in the 19th century. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Richard Key of Covent Garden, London. MOTHER: Mary (?–1706). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: The Keys were a landed family who originated in Oxfordshire. MARRIED first, Susannah, daughter of John Gardiner (?–1717), Gent., of St. Mary’s County and wife Mary Boreman (?–1744/45). Susannah was the step-daughter of Gerard Slye (1679–1733), of St. Mary’s County, and the granddaughter of both *Richard Gardiner* (?–1687) and *William Boreman* (ca. 1630–1709). Her brothers were Richard; Willfred; John (?–ca. 1743); and Clement. Her sisters were Elizabeth; Mary Ann; and Henrietta Maria. MARRIED second, by 1747, Theodosia Lawrence (?–1772), widow of Rev. John Humphreys (ca. 1686–1739),